



William "Bill" Samuel Bowery Sr.

August 6, 1939 - September 21, 2025

William Samuel Bowery Sr "Bill" passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, September 21st, 2025, at the age of 86. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Henry & India Carter Bowery, along with one precious granddaughter, Shelby Layne Bowery.

Bill was born in New Kent County, graduated from New Kent High School, where he drove the school bus from his sophomore until his senior year, and it's where he lived until his last day. In his younger years, he was a member of the Civil Air Patrol at New Kent Airport. Bill was the last founding member of the Company 2 Volunteer Fire Department, serving 8 years. He was also a part time Animal Control Warden for New Kent from 1966-1974. He served as a member of the New Kent Agricultural and Forestal District Committee from 1985-1995. His first job was with McIntyre Implement Company, employed as a Salesman. Later, he worked at MCV Hospital for 29 years, during this time he was employed for the MCV Police Department for 9 years. He later went into Hospital Administration as a Hospital Superintendent, where he stayed until he took early retirement in 1991. After early retirement, Bill stayed home on the farm and began his own landscaping company. In August of 1992, he went to work for the New Kent County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff for 13 years. He served as Chief Bailiff for Judge Thomas B. Hoover, Circuit Court.

Bill was also a lifelong member of Emmaus Baptist Church, where he served on the Building and Grounds Committee for many years. During this time, he was instrumental in seeing that the now ball field was established. He also accomplished what no one said could be done – he facilitated the installation of an air conditioning system in a 200-year-old sanctuary.

Bill worked two jobs for most of his life. He farmed for over twenty years while working in a full-time position in Richmond. He would drive into town for work and come home to farm until dark. Bill was up at dawn to milk the cows, care for other livestock, and then back to his next duties.

Finally, after his retirement from public work, he dedicated his full attention to his farm and family. He planted gardens and shared his fresh vegetables with neighbors and friends. He took time with his grandchildren, attending track meets, softball games and school plays. He was instrumental at having the timber cut, and the ball field constructed at its now present location. Bill lived a very wonderful, full life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Betty Kirby Bowery; three children, Kelly Ann Bowery, William Samuel Bowery Jr “Sam” (Leslie), Roxanne Bowery Priest; three grandchildren; Riley Anne Hamlet, Madison Tate Hamlet, William Samuel Bowery III “Billy”; one great-grandchild, Weslynn Layne Brumfield; dearest friend and first cousin, Franklin R Carter “Frankie”; and one very special former son in law, with whom he remained close with, Christopher Boyd Hamlet.

The family would like to express sincerest gratitude to the caregivers that took care of Bill in the last few weeks.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 Friday Sept. 26, 2025, at The Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, Va. 23140. The funeral service will be held 11:30 am Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at

Emmaus Baptist Church, 6700 Emmaus Church Rd, Providence Forge, Va 23140. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be a reception following the graveside in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Emmaus Baptist Church, PO Box 533 Quinton VA 23141.

Cemetery Details

Emmaus Baptist Church

6700 Emmaus Church Rd
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Visitation

SEP 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

Emmaus Baptist Church
6700 Emmaus Church Rd
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Tribute Wall

MG

“ I will miss my travel advisor 😭 as Roy Roger’s said “ happy travels, until we meet again “ Willie

Mary Gould - September 27, 2025 at 10:30 AM

GR

“ Sorry for your loss Bill and my father were good friends



Greg - September 26, 2025 at 06:10 PM

AA

“ Mr. Bill will surely be missed He was always a nice gentlemen and would throw out a joke or two and make me laugh I’ve always consider him as family. My deepest condolences and prayers to the Bowery Family. I love you all. Psalms 34:18

Alicia Akri-Williams - September 25, 2025 at 08:14 PM

DM

“ Dayne McNabb lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Samuel Bowery Sr.



Dayne McNabb - September 25, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - September 24, 2025 at 05:42 AM

PS

“ Pam And Ron Stubbs lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Samuel Bowery Sr.



Pam and Ron Stubbs - September 23, 2025 at 08:29 PM

PS

Bill was always ready to help and give his support. He was a true friend and will be missed. Love to his family.

Pam and Ron Stubbs - September 23, 2025 at 08:35 PM

JR

“ John % Vickie K. Roane lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Samuel Bowery Sr.



John % Vickie K. Roane - September 23, 2025 at 07:21 PM

DE

“ *RIP my friend.*



David Ecimovic - September 23, 2025 at 12:19 PM

GC

“ *Dear family,
I am so sorry for your loss.
I met Bill when I was a student at NKHS back
in the 50's and 60's.
He was always such a nice man and always
polite and friendly. He will surely be missed.
Cherish your precious memories.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch*



Gloria Couch - September 23, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JM

“ *Bill was a good man and a great friend. He appeared to be
extremely stern and he could be when necessary but he had a big
loving heart, a friendly smile and seemed to always have a joke or
story to tell. What a great family he had surrounding him his entire
life. Brother Bill you will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.*

Joe McLaughlin - September 23, 2025 at 07:30 AM

LP

*Leslie Parrish
Goochland, Va*

Leslie Parrish - September 23, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.
What a good family. You'll be in my thoughts
& prayers.*



Sheila Isgett Lewis - September 23, 2025 at 06:46 AM

HB

“ *My family is keeping your family in our
prayers during this difficult time.*



Heather Bowery - September 22, 2025 at 07:38 PM

BG

“ *great man knew him for 35 years , always had a joke to tell ,will be
greatly missed, connie and brooks gray*

brooks gray - September 22, 2025 at 04:32 PM